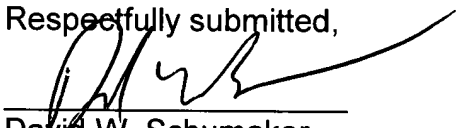


REMARKS

STATUS OF THE APPLICATION

The instant application was filed on January 11, 2002. Preliminary to the examination thereof, Applicants have herein amended specification to include a reference to the Government contract under which the present invention was made and to indicate that the Government has certain rights in this invention.

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